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COMMITTEE MEETING

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1. THE POINTS RAISED IN REFTEL ARE ADDRESSED SERIATIM AS
FOLLOWS:

A. LIST OF MEMBERS OF U.S. SECTION OF JOINT COMMITTEE
FURNISHED RAMUNDO-MOROSOV LETTER IS CORRECT. IT, HOWEVER,
LISTS ONLY THE PRINCIPALS AND NOT THE ALTERNATES. IN ESTAB-
LISHING THE U.S. SECTION, THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
APPOINTED AS PRINCIPALS THE HEADS OF THE DOT ELEMENTS THAT
WOULD BE INVOLVED IN THE COOPERATIVE EFFORT TO ASSURE THAT
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IMPLEMENTATION WOULD BE EFFECTIVE BECAUSE OF THE INVOLVE-

MENT OF THE SENIOR OFFICIAL OF EACH ELEMENT WHICH ROUGHLY CORRESPONDS TO SEPARATE SOVIET MINISTRIES. (LEVEL OF PRINCIPAL MEMBERSHIP OF U.S. SECTION, CORRESPONDING TO SOVIET MINISTERIAL LEVEL, REFLECTS IMPORTANCE DOT ATTACHES TO AGREEMENT AND ITS EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION). PROVISION WAS MADE FOR ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS BY ALTERNATES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF PRINCIPAL MEMBERS SO AS NOT TO HAVE MOST OF TOP LEADERSHIP OF DEPARTMENT TIED UP AT SAME TIME AND ALSO TO PROVIDE THE REQUISITE EXPERTISE AT MEETINGS WITHOUT UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION OF REPRESENTATION WITH CONSEQUENT TRAVEL COSTS. THE COMPOSITION OF THE USDEL REFLECTS THAT PRINCIPLE AS ITS MEMBERS REPRESENT, WITH FULL AUTHORITY, THE SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT INVOLVED IN THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE. FURTHER, ACTUAL REPRESENTATION AT THIS MEETING IS GENERALLY AT SAME LEVEL AS SOVIET PRINCIPAL MEMBERS (I.E., HEAD OF RESEARCH ACTIVITY AND PROGRAM FOR EACH DOT ELEMENT).

B. APPRECIATE BEST EFFORT ON SOVIET SIDE TO WORK OUT PROGRAM DESIRED BY USDEL. ADDITIONAL, CONCLUDING PLENARY SESSION MORNING OF JANUARY 15 ACCEPTABLE TO USDEL.

C. RAILROAD-RELATED FACILITIES IN BOTH MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD TO BE VISITED BY KLEIN AND RUSH; MARITIME AND INLAND WATERWAY FACILITIES BY KOSKY AND PITKIN; CIVIL AVIATION FACILITIES BY DECAIN, MILLER, MIELE, POLANSKY AND BURGESS; AND TRANSPORT CONSTRUCTION FACILITIES BY SCHEFFEY, WASHINGTON, AND MONEY. RAMUNDO WILL ACCOMPANY BINDER ON HIS CALLS TO THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS, CIVIL AVIATION AND TRANSPORT CONSTRUCTION. BINDER, POLANSKY AND RAMUNDO ALSO WISH TO VISIT GAI TO DISCUSS SOVIET HIGHWAY SAFETY DELEGATION VISIT SPRING 1974. EMBASSY AND SCST CORRECT IN ITS ASSUMPTION THAT URBAN TRANSPORTATION DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE WITH MOSCOW CITY SOVIET. WE ASSUME APPROPRIATE SOVIET URBAN TRANSPORTATION SPECIALISTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS.

D. FYI. USDEL AUTHORIZED TO SPEND NO MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR REPRESENTATIONAL CONTACTS DURING VISIT. (TOTAL REPRESENTATIONAL FUNDS AVAILABLE TO BINDER FOR FY 1974 IS EIGHTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS. AS SOVIET VISIT IS ONLY ONE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MANY INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS IN WHICH BINDER INVOLVED, ABOVE-MENTIONED LIMITATION ON FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SOVIET VISIT UNDERSTANDABLE). IN VIEW OF THESE CONSTRAINTS, IT MAY BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR BINDER TO HOST LUNCHEON OR SUPPER FOR MEMBERS SOVIET SECTION JOINT COMMITTEE AND KEY MEMBERS U.S. SECTION. THIS ALTERNATIVE MAY PERMIT RETENTION OF CIRCUS IN SCHEDULE WHICH WOULD BE ONE OF CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS OF VISIT. END FYI.

E. DOT DELS IN PAST HAVE NEVER REPEAT NEVER HAD TO PAY RESERVATION FEE BECAUSE IT WAS EARLIER ARRANGED WITH HOSTING SOVIET ENTITY. SOVDELS IN U.S. NEVER HAVE TO PAY SUCH A FEE AND RECIPROCITY DEMANDS USDELS NOT PAY. THIS IS ESPECIALLY CASE INsofar AS DOT IN CONCERNED BECAUSE IN RECEIVING SOVDELS IT ALWAYS ARRANGES SPECIAL HOTEL DISCOUNTS AND WOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO UNDER COOPERATION PROGRAM. DOT THEREFORE REQUESTS SCST TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ASSURE THAT FEE IS NOT PAID.

F. NO OBJECTION TO PRESS PRESENCE ON SITE VISITS.

2. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO BRIEF USDEL MORNING OF JANUARY 14 BEFORE OPENING OF JOINT COMMITTEE SESSION.

3. USDEL HOPES TO AVAIL ITSELF OF EMBASSY TYPING AND OTHER ADMIN SUPPORT IN PREPARING REQUISITE DOCUMENTS FOR EXECUTION AT CONCLUSION OF SESSION. KISSINGER

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